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## THE LOCAL CHAPTERS

[The activities of all the local chapters of our Association are printed separately in *HISPANIA* from time to time, thanks to the aid of Mrs. Fernández de Arias. She is the official historiographer of the local chapters, and the editors beg to ask the secretaries of all the local chapters to send directly to Mrs. Fernández de Arias accounts of all meetings and other activities of local chapters.]

**THE NEW YORK CHAPTER.**—The first meeting of the New York Chapter for the academic year was held Saturday, October 8, 1921, at Schermerhorn Hall, Columbia University, under the presidency of Mr. William A. Barlow.

The principal speaker was Mr. Max Luria, of the De Witt Clinton High School, who conducted a party of teachers of Spanish to Venezuela during the summer vacation. Mr. Luria discussed the educational value of the summer courses offered to American teachers of Spanish at Caracas.

At the session of November 5 the speaker was Señor José Juan Tablada, the distinguished Mexican writer and critic.

**CHICAGO CHAPTER.**—At the opening meeting of the year, held on Saturday afternoon, October 8, the audience enjoyed two delightful *conferencias*, the keynote of which was a clarion call for a better understanding of Spanish America. Señor Abel Cantu, of Crane High School, spoke with intimate knowledge and out of a full heart of the inexhaustible natural resources of his *patria, Méjico*. Señorita Corina Rodríguez, of Costa Rica, a student in the law department of the University of Chicago, reminded in language poetic that the vision always precedes the great deed, and that the United States and Spanish America have much to learn from each other.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER.**—In the Spanish section of the Bay Division Institute of the California Teachers' Association, the Northern California Chapter met Monday afternoon, October 3, in the Memorial Hall, Civic Auditorium, of San Francisco under the presidency of Dr. Malbourne Graham, of the University of California.

An address on "Travels Afoot in Spain," by Professor S. G. Morley, of the University of California, opened the session.

Professor Carlos Bransby, of the University of California, gave an address on "What Aspect of the Teaching of Spanish Needs Most Emphasis at the Present Time?"

Señor Eduardo Paya, of the University of California, spoke regarding condition in "Present Day Chile."

**THE LAKE ERIE CHAPTER.**—The officers of the new chapter are as follows: President, Señor Manuel Rivera, of Canisins College, Buffalo; Vice-President, Señor Octavia Soto, University of Buffalo; Recording Secretary, Señor Francisco López, Lafayette High School; and Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Maude R. Babcock, Dunkirk High School.

The first meeting was held at Canisins College, Buffalo, on October 29.

During the Thanksgiving week the November session will be held in connection with the meeting of the New York State Association.

THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER.—At Bovard Hall, University of Southern California, the Los Angeles Chapter held its first general meeting of the year October 22. Miss Katherine Forrester, of the University of Southern California, gave a travel talk on Mexico illustrated by views made during her summer in the southern republic.

A group of Inca songs were sung by Mrs. M. M. Thompson and followed by an explanation from Dr. Thompson of the difficulties of securing these songs in Peru.

Miss Clara Salmans of Long Beach High School, a recent traveler in Mexico, told of her personal experiences on the western coast of Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER.—An important meeting of the Albuquerque Chapter was held on the ninth of November at Albuquerque. Mr. Montoya, the retiring President, presided and spoke about the National Association and its work. He laid stress on the fact that New Mexico, with its large Spanish-speaking population, should be one of the great centers of Spanish studies in the country and urged greater interest in the local chapter and its activities.

After the address of the retiring President, officers were elected for the coming year as follows:

President, J. C. Espinosa; Vice-President, Mrs. J. G. Lewis; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Helen M. Evers; Corresponding Secretary, Enrique Blanco. An Executive Committee was appointed consisting of Mr. Felix Baca, Dennis Chavez, Miss Jeanette Kussart, and Miss Melita Chavez.

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